

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 17 and 22 are currently cancelled. Claims 22 (second instance) – 29 have been renumbered as Claims 23-30. Claims 3-14, 20-21 and 23-30 are currently withdrawn as directed to nonelected inventions. Withdrawn Claims 25 and 28-30 have been amended to reflect the corrected claim numbering. Claims 15 and 18 are currently amended. Claims 16 and 19 remain as originally filed.

Claim Objections

The numbering of the claims was objected to. It is respectfully submitted that the claims as presently numbered and annotated are correct.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Chien et al (6,177,377). In view of the present claim amendments, this rejection is believed to be obviated and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 18 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 18 has been so rewritten and Claim 19 maintains its dependency on the now rewritten Claim 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the instant application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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